



PFOA Contamination Southern New Hampshire Weekly Update

July 22, 2016

NHDES is issuing these weekly email updates during our ongoing investigation into perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and other PFCs in southern New Hampshire drinking water. These updates will also be posted on our website at <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

Press Releases

July 21, 2016 - Saint-Gobain Stack Emissions Testing Results Received

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) announced today that results of stack emissions testing of the Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics, Inc. facility in Merrimack, New Hampshire, indicate that small amounts of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) are being emitted from the facility. The stack emissions testing conducted on May 2 and 3, 2016, showed low level concentrations of perfluorochemicals (PFCs), including PFOA, being emitted, which would translate to less than 2 ounces of PFOA being released per year. These emissions do not violate any ambient air quality standard, either state or federal.

To read the entire release, visit: <http://des.nh.gov/media/pr/2016/20160721-saint-gobain-emissions.htm>

Private Well Sampling

NHDES did not receive any new results this week.

	SAINT-GOBAIN AREA	TCI AMHERST	FORMER MERRIMACK LANDFILL	FORMER LL&S LANDFILL	TCI MANCHESTER
WELLS SAMPLED	588	188	69	34	2
RESULTS RECEIVED	569	164	64	21	2
≥70	171	8	1	0	0
SCHEDULED	9	6	1	3	0

On May 31, 2016, NHDES established an Ambient Groundwater Quality Standard of 70 parts per trillion (ppt) for PFOA, 70 ppt for PFOS and 70 ppt for PFOA and PFOS combined. To view the current maps for all of these locations, please visit: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm> and look under the subheading: Sampling Maps and Data.

New Items Added This week:

A copy of the powerpoint presentation given by the NH Department of Health and Human Services and NHDES at the July 19th public meeting has been posted here:

<http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-litchfield-publicmtg-20160719.pdf>

Public Water System Test Results

Updated test results are available on <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm> by looking under the subheading: Public Water System Test Results.

Bottled Water Delivery/Availability

If you are eligible and have not received delivery of bottled water or have questions about receiving bottled water, please contact Andy Fulton, NHDES at (603) 271-7376 (for Bottled Water Inquiries Only). An updated listing is available on our webpage: <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/documents/pfoa-bottledwaterareas-20160715.pdf>

Upcoming Public Meetings

Public Hearings on the Rulemaking:

- Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Campbell High School Auditorium;
1 Highlander Court, Litchfield, NH;
- Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Conference Room A; NHDES Portsmouth Regional Office;
Pease International Tradeport; 222 International Drive, Suite 175; Portsmouth, NH;

Deadline for filing written comments: Friday, August 19, 2016 (4:00 PM) or contact: John Regan (John.Regan@des.nh.gov), Hazardous Waste Remediation Bureau Administrator

Public Inquiries

If you have questions regarding the NHDES investigation into PFOA found in Southern NH drinking water, please call the Public Inquiry Line at (603) 271-9461 or visit <http://des.nh.gov/organization/commissioner/pfoa.htm>

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